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SUBJECT: FRENCH WANT MORE EFFECTIVE ROLE IN BASC

REF: PARIS 19879 (NOTAL)

1. US CHIEF CONTROLLER IN BERLIN AIR SAFETY CENTER (BASC) WAS RECENTLY INFORMED BY BRITISH CHIEF CONTROLLER THAT MAIN RESISTANCE ON PART OF BRITISH TO GRANTING FRENCH CONTROL OF NORTH CORRIDOR LIES WITH EMB IN BONN, NOT LONDON.

2. FRENCH CHEIF CONTROLLER SAID THAT FRENCH POLAD AND CIVAIR ATTACHE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT AUG 1 WAS DECISION DATE FOR THIS ISSUE. FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN BONN REPORTEDLY WROTE STRONG LETTER TO PARIS AND FRENCH EMB IN LONDON REQUESTING FRENCH CONTROL OVER NORTH CORRIDOR. FRENCH CHIEF CONTROLLER HAS WRITTEN TO FRENCH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS PROPOSING EITHER TOTAL FRENCH WITHDRAWAL FROM BASC OR REDUCTION

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TO ONLY TOKEN PRESENCE IN BASC OFFICE WITH NO FRENCH

CONTROLLER IN OPERATIONS ROOM. THIS IS ALSO WHAT
FRENCH PROPOSE TO DO IN EARLY 1977, WHEN
COMPUTERIZED BASIC COMMUNICATIONS WILL MAKE TELEPHONIC
CONTROL IRRELEVANT AND LEAVE FRENCH COMPLETELY BY-
PASSED UNLESS THEY HAVE CONTROL OF NORTH CORRIDOR.
WE UNDERSTAND THIS VIEW HAD SUPPORT AND AGREEMENT
OF RECENTLY RETIRED FRENCH COMMANDANT, GEN METZLER,
WHO PRESUMABLY ALSO MADE THESE POINTS TO PARIS.
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